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Letter dated 19 September 2008 from the President of the General Assembly to the Chairman of the First Committee

I have the honour to inform you of the decisions taken by the General Assembly at the 2nd plenary meeting of its sixty-third session, on 19 September 2008, pertaining to the allocation of items to the First Committee.

I wish to draw your attention to the relevant parts of sections III and IV of the report of the General Committee (A/63/250) concerning the agenda of the Main Committees.

May I also draw your attention to the recommendations on the organization of the session contained in section II of the same report. Those recommendations were also approved by the General Assembly at its 2nd plenary meeting.

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1. Election of the officers of the Main Committees [5].

G. Disarmament

2. Reduction of military budgets [81].
3. Prohibition of the development and manufacture of new types of weapons of mass destruction and new systems of such weapons: report of the Conference on Disarmament [82].
4. Maintenance of international security — good-neighbourliness, stability and development in South-Eastern Europe [83].
5. Role of science and technology in the context of international security and disarmament [84].
6. Developments in the field of information and telecommunications in the context of international security [85].
7. Establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in the region of the Middle East [86].
8. Conclusion of effective international arrangements to assure non-nuclear-weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons [87].
9. Prevention of an arms race in outer space [88].
10. General and complete disarmament [89]:
    (a) Notification of nuclear tests;
    (b) Missiles;
    (c) Problems arising from the accumulation of conventional ammunition stockpiles in surplus;
    (d) Disarmament and non-proliferation education;
    (e) Consolidation of peace through practical disarmament measures;
    (f) Transparency in armaments;
    (g) Information on confidence-building measures in the field of conventional arms;
    (h) Mongolia's international security and nuclear-weapon-free status;
    (i) Establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in Central Asia;
    (j) Assistance to States for curbing the illicit traffic in small arms and light weapons and collecting them;
    (k) Implementation of the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapons and on Their Destruction;
    (l) Towards a nuclear-weapon-free world: accelerating the implementation of nuclear disarmament commitments;

(m) Promotion of multilateralism in the area of disarmament and non-proliferation;

(n) Observance of environmental norms in the drafting and implementation of agreements on disarmament and arms control;

(o) Convening of the fourth special session of the General Assembly devoted to disarmament;

(p) Effects of the use of armaments and ammunitions containing depleted uranium;

(q) Reducing nuclear danger;

(r) Measures to prevent terrorists from acquiring weapons of mass destruction;

(s) Nuclear-weapon-free southern hemisphere and adjacent areas;

(t) Regional disarmament;

(u) Follow-up to the advisory opinion of the International Court of Justice on the *Legality of the Threat or Use of Nuclear Weapons*;

(v) Nuclear disarmament;

(w) Transparency and confidence-building measures in outer space activities;

(x) Conventional arms control at the regional and subregional levels;

(y) Confidence-building measures in the regional and subregional context;

(z) The illicit trade in small arms and light weapons in all its aspects;

(aa) Relationship between disarmament and development;

(bb) United Nations conference to identify appropriate ways of eliminating nuclear dangers in the context of nuclear disarmament.

11. Review and implementation of the Concluding Document of the Twelfth Special Session of the General Assembly [90]:

(a) United Nations disarmament fellowship, training and advisory services;

(b) United Nations Disarmament Information Programme;

(c) United Nations Regional Centre for Peace, Disarmament and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean;

(d) United Nations regional centres for peace and disarmament;

(e) Convention on the Prohibition of the Use of Nuclear Weapons;

(f) United Nations Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Asia and the Pacific;

(g) Regional confidence-building measures: activities of the United Nations Standing Advisory Committee on Security Questions in Central Africa;

(h) United Nations Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Africa.

12. Review of the implementation of the recommendations and decisions adopted by the General Assembly at its tenth special session [91]:

(a) Report of the Disarmament Commission;

(b) Report of the Conference on Disarmament.

13. The risk of nuclear proliferation in the Middle East [92].

14. Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons Which May Be Deemed to Be Excessively Injurious or to Have Indiscriminate Effects [93].

15. Strengthening of security and cooperation in the Mediterranean region [94].

16. Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty [95].

17. Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production and Stockpiling of Bacteriological (Biological) and Toxin Weapons and on Their Destruction [96].

I. Organizational, administrative and other matters

18. Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly.

19. Programme planning.